

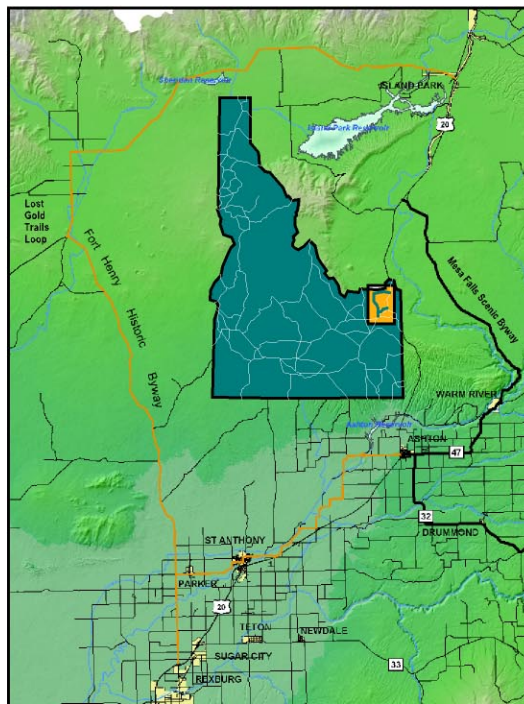
Fort Henry Historic Byway

See the Fort Henry Monument that marks the first European settlement in Idaho, from which this byway gets its name. A new monument replaces the old one. The old monument has been moved to the original Fort Henry site in the adjoining field. It can be viewed from the new monument via telescope.

From the Monument the byway heads to the St. Anthony Sand Dunes. The dunes are part of the Sand Mountain Wilderness Study Area. This 20,000-acre area of sage and juniper is the winter range for a large number of deer and elk.

In April, Camas Meadows is host to returning Sandhill Cranes. The area is home to Sage Grouse that gather each spring for a courtship ritual at their display ground. June brings forth fields of blue Camas Lilies. The Indians dug the Camas bulbs in the fall for food. Mountain streams are enticing for fisherman and campers. The mountains of the Caribou-Targhee National Forest lure both hikers and bicyclists.

The heritage of Clark and Fremont counties is very unique and full of early history of mountain men, Indians, miners, stagecoach lines, and ranching. A destination site on this byway is the Camas Meadows Battleground where a skirmish occurred between the U.S. Calvary and the Nez Perce during their 1877 flight.



Location - From North Rexburg U.S. 20 exit, onto Salem Highway, to St. Anthony Sand Dunes on Red Road and on to A-2 Road Junction. Continue on A-2 north, then east to Island Park at U.S. 20. From intersection of Salem Highway and 500 North, go east to St. Anthony on U.S. 20 Business Route, turn at the Fun Farm Sportsman Access and follow old U.S. 191 past Chester to Ashton.

Length - 97 miles. Allow 2.5 hours for travel.

Roadway - Two-lane road, no mountain passes. North Rexburg exit to A-2 in Clark County to Kilgore Store exit paved. Only gravel road includes eleven miles Kilgore to Fremont County line, then paved to U.S. 20.

When to see it - Mid-April to Mid-November. Much of A-2 is not plowed in the winter and roads become snowmobile trails. Check with contacts below for byway access in winter.

Special attractions - Henry's Fork of the Snake River; Fort Henry Monument; St. Anthony Sand Dunes; wild game areas; historic ranches; Camas Meadows Battle Ground; Targhee-Caribou National Forest; and Fremont County Sugar Company Site. Ask about summer/winter sports attractions in these areas.

Camping - McCrear Bridge and Buttermilk campgrounds in the National Forest, Egin Lake Access Recreation Site. Privately owned campsites are St. Anthony Sand Dunes, Kilgore town site, Eagle Ridge Ranch, Enchanted Forest in Shotgun.

Services - Full services: Rexburg, St. Anthony, and all communities on U.S. 20; partial services Kilgore Store (no gas).

Contacts - Ashton/Island Park Ranger District 208-652-7442; St. Anthony Visitor Center: 208-624-4870; St. Anthony City Offices: 208-624-3494; Fremont County Courthouse: 208-624-7332; Bureau of Land Management: 208-524-7500.